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# 4-H Family News

Kalamazoo County



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## MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL FAMILIES BRINGING LIVESTOCK TO THE FAIR

The annual Mandatory Livestock meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4, 2022. This is a time to get the final details about bringing your livestock to the fair, setting up and decorating the barns and working together to help create a fun, inviting and clean environment for the animals and fairgoers.

**BARN CLEANUP is July 30<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon! Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile!**

### Meeting Schedule:

- 6:00 PM Horse and Poultry
- 6:15 PM Beef/Dairy Steer
- 6:30 PM Rabbits
- 6:45 PM Sheep
- 7:00 PM Dairy/Dairy Feeders
- 7:15 Swine
- 7:30 PM Goats



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival August 10-13, 2022



Photo by Dodgecountyfairgrounds.com

## Open Class Exhibits

Are you creative? Do you like building things? Do you have a green thumb?

Show off those skills at this year's fair!

The fair offers open class exhibit opportunities for both youth and adults.



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### Benefits of participating in the 2022 Open Class Division:

- Chance to show your skills and projects in a public setting
- A-C ribbons will be awarded to all entries
- Any child under the age of 12 who enters a project will receive a free admission pass good for Saturday



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## Welcome Sam!

I am pleased to introduce Sam Lawrence, our newest addition to the Kalamazoo County MSU Extension Program.

Sam grew up in 4-H by showing art projects at the Calhoun county fair and serving 4 years on SYLC (State Youth Leadership Council). He received his degree from Michigan State University in December 2021. He graduated with a bachelor's in Agribusiness with a focus on environmental economics. Sam is joining us as the 4-H temp on call. He plans on bringing to life conservation programs to educate Kalamazoo County on nature and sustainability.



### Food Vendors:

- \*\*4-H Food Booth - little bit of everything!
- \*\*Honey Bunnies's Gourmet Waffles
- \*\*JR's Concession - elephant ears
- Summar's Hawaiian Breeze - shaved ice
- Rolling Soul - BBQ
- Serious Dogs - gourmet hot dogs
- Bomba's - BBQ
- Curry in A Hurry - Indian
- Big Foot Burger - burgers and fries

\*\*open Wed-Sat



## Camping at the Fair?

Make your reservations to camp at Fair by July 31. Cost is \$120 per site (8/8-8/14) plus \$5 reservation fee. Call the Parks Office at 269-383-8778 to make your reservation.

### Fair Fees

We will not be charging an exhibitor fee this year to show at the Fair. However, there will be a vehicle admission fee. 4-H families can purchase a vehicle pass good for the entire week for \$10 per vehicle. We will sell these at the mandatory meeting and during still-project judging. Vehicle passes are required for everyone whether camping or not camping. General admission for the public will be \$5/vehicle Wed-Fri and \$15/vehicle on Sat.





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## Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:00am - 11:00am	Rabbits	Rabbit Barn
9:00am - 1:00pm	Poultry	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Showmanship & English Performance	Horse Arena
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Cavies and Critters	TBD
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Rabbit Showmanship	4-H Arena
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Goats	4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Sheep	4-H Arena
TBD	Live "Clue" Activity	TBD

## Thursday, August 11, 2022

9:00am - 12:00pm	Swine	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Western Performance & Trail	Horse Arenas
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Beef	4-H Arena
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Feeder Calves	4-H Arena

## Friday, August 12, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Dressage & Jumping	Horse Arenas
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Auction Buyer Luncheon	Livestock Mall
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Livestock Auction	4-H Arena
7:00pm	4-H Dance	4-H Arena

## Saturday, August 13, 2022

9:00am - 7:00pm	Commercial Exhibits & Education Displays	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Antique Tractor & Farm Equipment Display	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Pony Rides	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Inflatable Fun!	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Versatility & Gymkhana	Horse Arena
9:30am - 10:30am	4-H Dog Show	TBD
10:00am - 2:00pm	Barn Educational Activities	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 6:00pm	Kids Entertainment Stage*	Fairgrounds
12:30pm - 2:00pm	4-H Goat Obstacle Course, Costume Class	4-H Arena
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Milk Drinking Contest	4-H Arena
3:30pm - 4:30pm	4-H Livestock Judging Contest	4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Master Showmanship	4-H Arena

\*Performances every hour! Magician, Princesses, Balloon Guy and more!



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Hello 4-H swine members!

In these next few weeks leading up to fair week, please remember to:

- Personally invite buyers to the auction – Friday, Aug 12!
- Practice, practice, practice showing
- Work on your swine record book / educational notebook – due Saturday, Aug 6
- Take/submit 4x6 pictures for auction (clean animal & 4-Her) – due Thurs, Aug 11



Swine weigh-in/check-in is on Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 9-10:30 am, and our swine show is on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 9:00 am. Looking forward to a great fair week!

## Poultry Project News



Time to get your birds ready to SHOW!!! The fair is almost upon us, and it will have an all-new look and feel - shorter, but with lots of fun activities geared toward animals and kids and learning new things. Tell all of your family and friends to come see your birds at the show on Wednesday morning and bid on your market birds at the auction on Friday afternoon. Then return for all of the fun and educational activities planned all day Saturday!!!





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## Dairy News

Happy Summer! Watch the Dairy Club Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates.

**The dairy show will be held  
Friday, August 5 at 7pm at Vlietstra Dairy Farm.**



## Feeder Calf and Beef News

### July 30- Barn cleanup

9 am at the Fairgrounds – We will be cleaning up the beef/feeder calf barn at the fairgrounds. Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile! Pizza and pop will be provided for lunch to those that help.

### August 4- Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting

Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn for a meeting at 7pm- don't forget to sign in- if you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at the fair office [\(269\)383-8830](tel:2693838830).

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- (check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for post 4<sup>th</sup> July good deals!)

### August 6- Still Exhibit check in

Bring your Beef/ Feeder calf educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required notebook for Beef/Feeder Calves: Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book). It is considered **the minimum-** be creative! A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction.

### August 9- Calf check in/ Weigh in/ Showmanship clinic

You can check in your steers/calves into the Beef/Feeder Calf barn Tuesday August 9- time: TBD- Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer. Feeder calf weigh in will take place after the beef are weighed in.

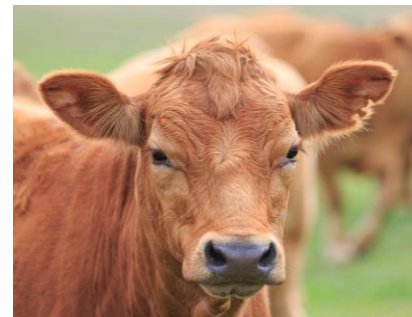
### August 11-& Beef show & Feeder Calf Show

Beef show will be held at 2:00pm

Feeder Calf show will be held at 4:00pm

Pizza party 6:00pm

Set up for Auction 6:45pm



### August 12- Auction 1pm

For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction:

- You must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (per project requirements),
- A picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer), and
- You must have a profit and loss statement filled out per Project Record Book Requirements.
- Dairy Feeder Calf must have weighed at least 363.5 lbs. on Tuesday August 9.

**August 13- @ Noon THANK YOU NOTES DUE!**



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Fun During the Fair

4-H youth and families will be to participate in some fun activities during the fair this year:

- Tuesday – Uno tournament, 5-11 years old from 4pm – 6pm, 12 and up starts at 7pm
- Wednesday – Clue – you can participate individually or as a team, come find out which character stole what item and why
- Thursday – Mooovie starting at approximately 8:30pm (bring chairs, blankets and snacks)
- Friday – 4-H dance from 7pm – 11pm
- There will be yard games and fun activities on Wednesday and Thursday in the grass near the 4-H food booth

Meet at the overhang area in the livestock arena approximately 10 minutes before the start of each activity

## 4-H Online Rollover

**4-H Online Rollover will occur on August 31st, 2022**

There will be a brief SHUTDOWN to the 4-H Online enrollment system from  
September 1st – September 12th for system updates.

**4-H Online will be turned back on September 12th for members to begin re-enrollment.**

To continue utilizing new features in 4-H Online and make adjustments to state settings, **we will be closing 4-H Online for a short period during rollover from September 1st – September 12th.**

Families and volunteers will not be able to log in to the 4-H Online system at noon on August 31st, 2022. Families, please complete your enrollments before August 31st, 2022.

**4-H Online will be offline for staff from September 1 – 6 for state-level preparations for the new program year.** On September 7th, our staff will regain access to 4-H Online to pull reports, send broadcasts, create events, etc.



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## Galesburg United 4-H Club

Galesburg United 4-H club shops for and donates food and supplies to Kalamazoo Animal Services Shelter on Lamont St.

Lillie DeLeeuw and her 4-H family helping deliver the donations. I gave all the dogs a treat and the DeLeeuw family spent time with the cats and kittens.



Andrea McCubbin Galesburg United 4-H Community Club Leader and Superintendent for Small Mammals/Cavies and Critters Project hosted a booth to promote 4-H at the annual Kindleberger Festival on Saturday July 9, 2022



Stella and Tammie guinea pigs were a big hit with the crowd as were Sakura Wank's 2-year old tortoise Scooter and BunnBunn her rabbit. Special thanks to Judith Stoneburner and Sakura for sharing and promoting 4-H in Kalamazoo County.

The picture is of the tent prior to the event starting. We were so busy that I didn't get a chance to take pictures of the hundreds of families that visited us! It was a beautiful day to share 4-H with the public.

We hope some new families will visit the 2022 fair and see the 4-H animal shows. I even talked to a family that may look into 4-H in Los Angeles California area where they live!

Interested in the Cavies and Critter project for the 2022-2023 4-H programming year, please contact Andrea. Cell phone 269-598-5231 or email [jamccubbin@aol.com](mailto:jamccubbin@aol.com)







# 4-H Community-wide Events

## National 4-H Congress: Unforgettable Past, Innovative Future



When: November 25-29, 2022

Where: Atlanta, GA

Cost information:

\$100 non-refundable deposit is due August 1

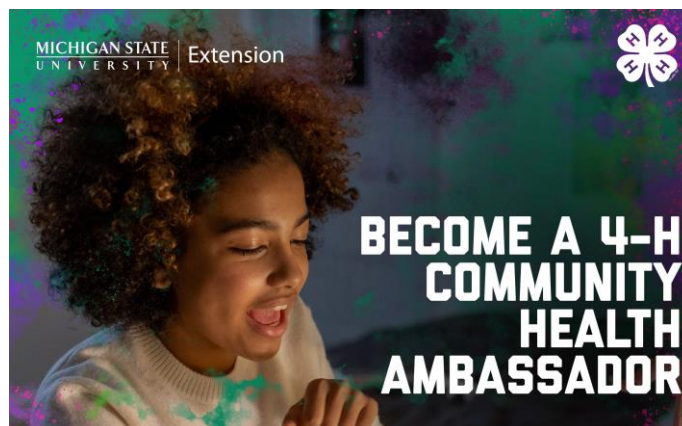
Total cost is approximately \$1800.00-\$2000.00, but could be adjusted once airline tickets are purchased  
Who can Attend: Youth aged 14-19, perfect for those still in high school

Committed Chaperones: Tonya Pell and Darren Bagley

Website: [National 4-H Congress](https://www.national4hcongress.org/)

Campus contact: Laura at [potterla@msu.edu](mailto:potterla@msu.edu)

## 4-H Community Health Ambassadors



Do you know a youth who is passionate about health and wellness for Michiganders? Or interested on building skills in leadership, communication, and marketing? Want to learn more about science, communication, childhood & adolescent vaccines, or healthcare? If so, click to learn more about the [4-H Community Health Ambassador Program](#) and register for the upcoming training. Questions? Email Alyssa at [piconeal@msu.edu](mailto:piconeal@msu.edu).



# The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19



## For more info:

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## What is the MSF Youth Council?

For any youth ages 13-19 (by January 1, 2022) interested in rural and urban agriculture. Must be available for monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in person activities and projects throughout the year.

The council is a youth led 4-H group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.



## Annual goals include:

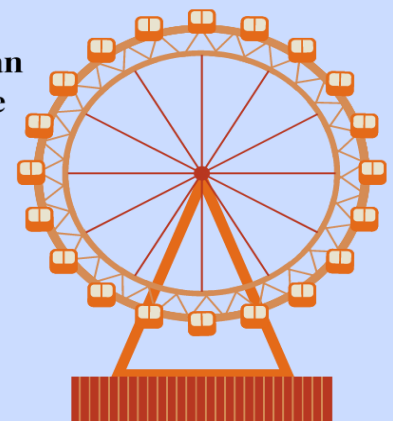
- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project coordination and hands-on learning

If you are interested in joining the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, please complete the application below.



Scan the QR code with your camera!

<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>



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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

**Are you a current  
or former 4-H'er?**

Join us for the MSU Welcome  
Back 4-H Alumni Reception

**Sept. 7**

5:30 - 7 p.m.

North lawn  
outside the Justin  
S. Morrill Hall of  
Agriculture



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 7.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more  
[canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](https://canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception).

### August 1-5: MSU Tollgate Farm Vet Science Camp

*MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Campers ages 12-14 can explore the Tollgate barns and pastures as they investigate the worlds of veterinary science and animal medicine. Gain animal handling experience, learn about veterinary tools and technology, practice physical exams, and take the opportunity to explore various animals and animal care with visiting vets and animal care specialists.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-vet-science-camp-2022>

### August 2: Adulting 101 – Healthy U

*Online*

Learn strategies and ways to advocate for your wellness and to stay mentally and physically healthy as you transition into adulthood.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer8-2>

### August 15-19: MSU Tollgate Farm Outdoor Adventure Camp

*MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Campers ages 12-14 can take survival camp to a whole new level and challenge themselves with exciting wilderness skill-building experiences. Try your hand at fire-building, wilderness first aid, outdoor cooking, shelter-building, climbing, and team-building trust initiatives. An optional Thursday overnight campout on the farm is included.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-outdoor-adventure-camp-2022>

### August 20: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

*Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna*

The Michigan 4-H State Dog Show will provide classes in agility, obedience, rally, team, brace and showmanship. Spectators welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-dog-show>

### August 20: 4-H Bullseye Bash

*Northern District Fair, Cadillac*

Participate in the first Wexford County archery competition! This new event is designed to help 4-H members meet new friends, test skills, and provide positive experiences through friendly competition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-at-northern-district-fair>







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2022 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.



A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 20 4-H members from 16 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"With tens of thousands of 4-H'ers across the state, the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished 4-H'ers," said Julie Chapin, 4-H state leader of Michigan 4-H and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "Their commitment to bettering themselves

and their communities through service and extensive 4-H work make them true leaders in their clubs, counties and across our state."

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 19 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills, and experience. Recipients of the 2022 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Charlee Klink of Delta County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Malachi Sims of Shiawassee County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Sophia Nielsen of Ingham County (junior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Vishal Swamy of Oakland County (junior division)
- **Equine Science:** Jayleigh Williams of Lenawee County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Rebecca Thomas of Ionia County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Brooke Richards of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Caitlynn Pratt of Otsego County (junior division) and Audrey Martin of Midland County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Noah Hecht of Saginaw County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Jadyn Herzog of Allegan County (junior division) and Jaycie Brown of Livingston County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Blake Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Corinna Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

Senior delegates (ages 16-19) and groups then complete an interview using video conference technology. Completing a video interview provides an opportunity for 4-H members to practice real-world skills that are trending in the workforce.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.